

SENATOR HARRIS: This was an amendment that was suggested and it simply complies with other language that is in the bill. If you would look on page 5, you will see similar language. Mr. President, I move the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the amendment offered? If not, do you have it adequately explained, Senator? Very well, the motion is to adopt the Harris amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion before you is the adoption of the Harris amendment to LB 353. Please record your vote. 25 votes required. Please record your vote on the Harris amendment. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Harris' amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Harris would move to amend once again. That amendment is on page 744 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, this is an amendment of a little more substance than the other one. The other one was a very simple clean-up of language that we discovered. This actually would bring in a new set of people. If I may review for just one moment what this bill is all about, it is about deferring the tax to certain public employees as to their pension and retirements and it is called a pick-up provision which is a misnomer because it is not really a pick-up of anything additional. It simply says that the government body that is contributing into the retirement fund will pull that money out and make it nontaxable and then upon retirement when the employee retires and begins to draw that money it becomes a taxable item. Now we fully discussed this a couple weeks ago. We advanced the bill and we have a new group that we want to include in this and that is to allow the cities and villages to participate in this method. If you look at the amendment, on page 744 of the Legislative Journal, the essence of the amendment is in the first paragraph where it says, "Any city or village of the state may pick up the employee contributions required by pension or retirement plan for all compensation paid on or